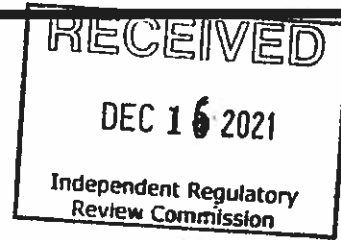


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Mr. Smolock,

Credit card transactions have grown greatly in the last 20 years. As an operator of 3 restaurants I have seen the transaction fees credit card companies charge become a substantial cost to restaurants.

If operators can no longer off set the credit card fees it might force them to no longer take credit cards. This would mean a significant loss of revenue to state and federal governments. The reason being that servers might not claim all or any of their tips. Governor Wolf seems to think that servers in the restaurant business are under paid. Nothing is further from the truth. Servers and bartenders in my restaurants earn significantly more than the un-tipped back of the house employees.

Have not restaurants suffered enough the last two years? Why put more costs on them? If a server feels that paying 40 cents to their employer on a \$20 tip is not fair, then they would work at a restaurant that either did not follow the practice or a place that only took cash. Almost every restaurant is hiring.

Thanks

Steve Hansen  
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